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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**Compositions and Methods for Reducing Respiratory Depression and Attendant Side Affects of Mu Opioid Compounds**", the specification of which

((check one) ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on July 3, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/887,312  
☒ and was amended September 19, 1997 and October 2, 1997 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed  
☐ yes ☒ No

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this specification is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

08/658,726	June 5, 1996	Pending
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status-Patented, Pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

**STEVEN J. HULTQUIST, REG. NO. 28,021**

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of sole or first inventor : **KWEN-JEN CHANG**

Inventor's Signature *Kwen-Jen Chang* Date 12-1-97

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Inventor's Signature *Robert W. McNutt, Jr.* Date 12-1-97

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Inventor's Signature *Hugh O. Rettig* Date 12/22/97

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Full Name of fourth inventor : **MICHAEL J. BISHOP**

Inventor's Signature *Michael J. Bishop* Date 12-19-97

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# ASSIGNMENT

Kwen-Jen Chang, Robert W. McNutt, Jr., Hugh O. Pettit, and Michael J. Bishop have made an invention described in the U.S. Patent Application entitled:

“Compositions and Methods for Reducing Respiratory Depression and Attendant Side Affects of Mu Opioid Compounds”  
(Title of patent application)

We have executed the patent application which is described in U.S. Application No. 08/887,312 filed July 3, 1997 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

We assign to Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 104 Sierra Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-1454, all of our ownership and rights in:

- (i) the invention and U.S. Patent Application;
- (ii) U.S. Patents on the invention; and
- (iii) corresponding foreign patent applications and patents.

We are making this assignment based on our employment relationship with Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

We request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign countries to issue patents on the invention to:

Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
(Corporate name)

We agree to execute any other legal documents that may be required to effectuate this Assignment.

We agree that we will promptly communicate to Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. all facts which come to our attention affecting the invention or patent rights.

We agree that we will testify in any interference or litigation involving the invention or patent rights.

We declare that we have not done anything in conflict with this Assignment.

Kwen Jen Chang  
(Inventor's signature)

1/7/98  
Date

Inventor's name: Kwen-Jen Chang

State of: North Carolina

County of: Durham

Kwen-Jen Chang appeared before me on January 7, 199<sup>8</sup>~~7~~. He declared to me that he is the person described in this Assignment. He executed this Assignment before me, and declared that his execution was completely voluntarily.

(SEAL)

My commission expires: 6-22-98

Steven J. Heugniot  
Notary Public

Robert W. McNutt, Jr.  
(Inventor's signature)

1-7-98  
Date

Inventor's name: Robert W. McNutt, Jr.

State of: North Carolina

County of: Durham

Robert W. McNutt, Jr. appeared before me on 1/7, 199<sup>8</sup>~~7~~. He declared to me that he is the person described in this Assignment. He executed this Assignment before me, and declared that his execution was completely voluntarily.

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My commission expires: My Commission Expires February 27, 2002

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Notary Public

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(Inventor's signature)

4/7/98  
Date

Inventor's name: Hugh O. Pettit

State of: North Carolina

County of: Durham

Hugh O. Pettit appeared before me on January 7<sup>8</sup>, 1997. He declared to me that he is the person described in this Assignment. He executed this Assignment before me, and declared that his execution was completely voluntarily.

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Notary Public Steven J. Hultquist

My commission expires: 6-22-98

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(Inventor's signature)

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Date

Inventor's name: Michael J. Bishop

State of: North Carolina

County of: Durham

Michael J. Bishop appeared before me on January 7<sup>8</sup>, 1997. He declared to me that he is the person described in this Assignment. He executed this Assignment before me, and declared that his execution was completely voluntarily.

(SEAL)

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Notary Public Steven J. Hultquist

My commission expires: 6-22-98

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re United States Patent Applications of:

Assignee: Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Application Nos.: 08/098,333  
08/169,879  
08/431,713  
08/431,209  
09/015,645  
09/352,308

Patent Nos.: 5,658,908  
5,854,249  
5,681,830  
5,552,404  
5,574,159  
5,807,858  
5,985,880

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107, 107 DIV I,  
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DIV IV, 108,  
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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that I am mailing the attached documents to the Commissioner for Patents on the date specified, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box ASSIGNMENT, Washington, DC 20231, and Express Mailed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

*Lee Ann Brown*

Lee Ann Brown

June 4, 2001

Date

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**SUBMISSION OF CHANGE OF NAME FOR RECORDATION  
TO EFFECT NAME CHANGE OF ASSIGNEE**

**FROM DELTA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. TO ARDENT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NOS. 08/098,333; 08/169,879; 08/431,713; 08/431,209;  
09/015,645; 09/352,308 AND U.S. PATENT NOS. 5,658,908; 5,854,249; 5,681,830; 5,552,404;  
5,574,159; 5,807,858 AND 5,985,880**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for Recordation in the assignment records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is a Change of Name to effect the name change of the assignee in the USPTO records for the above-identified applications and patents, from Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to Ardent Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Articles of Amendment document effecting the name change from Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to Ardent Pharmaceuticals, Inc., as filed in the North Carolina Secretary of State's office on May 14, 2001.

Enclosed herewith is IPTL check number 08194 in the amount of \$520.00, payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, as the Assignment recordation fee (\$40) for each of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/098,333; 08/169,879; 08/431,713; 08/431,209; 09/015,645; 09/352,308 and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,658,908; 5,854,249; 5,681,830; 5,552,404; 5,574,159; 5,807,858 AND 5,985,880. Please charge any deficiency in payment, and credit any excess payment, to Deposit Account number 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Elaine F. Marshall**  
**North Carolina Secretary of State**

## ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

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Pursuant to §55-10-06 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation hereby submits the following Articles of Amendment for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
2. The text of each amendment adopted is as follows:  
  
Article 1 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:  
  
Article 1. The name of the corporation is Ardent Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
3. The amendment does not provide for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares.
4. The date of adoption of the amendment was May 7, 2001.
5. The amendment was approved by action of the board of directors and shareholders of the corporation as required by Chapter 55 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
6. These articles will be effective upon filing.

**This the 8th day of May, 2001.**

**Delta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

By: John C. Lindsey  
John C. Lindsey, Assistant Secretary

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